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AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE MILITARY

Admiral Thomas Moorer, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will debate Rep. Les Aspin (D.-Wisc.), member of the House Armed Services Committee, in an hour-long National Town Meeting in the Eisenhower Theatre of the Kennedy Center, Wednesday, Oct. 29th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Bonnie Angelo, Time magazine, will moderate.

The program, which is devoted to audience questioning of the panel members, is expected to focus on the ever-present "guns or butter" issue and the widening rift between Congress and the Defense Dept. over spending, with Secretary Schlesinger calling for a \$2 billion increase in the budget and the Hill concentrating on budget cuts. Other issues involved in "American Attitudes Toward the Military" are: the reduction of U.S. forces in Europe, progress in creating an all-volunteer army, the effect of the Hathaway Amendment allowing women into military academies, and differences between the Pentagon and State Dept. concerning Detente.

The National Town Meeting is funded by a grant from the Mobil Oil Corporation and admission to the program is free. Broadcast of the Wednesday meeting can be heard over National Public Radio's 170 member stations across

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the country. A twenty-minute version is being offered by the Associated Press Radio service. Locally, the broadcast can be heard on Thurs. evening at 6:30 over WETA-FM (90.9). Seating has been made available for members of the press.